

## FATHER KILLS GIRL AND SELF.

**MERCHANT FOLLOWS WIFE IN DEATH.**

**Grief-Crazed, He Would Not Leave Child Even in Death.**

After having often expressed the wish to join his wife, who died three years ago, Charles Flackenstein, a prosperous business man of Williamsburg, committed suicide last night by gassing himself and his nine-year-old daughter behind, so he turned on the gas after she had gone to sleep and he was also killed.

Their dead bodies were found by Flackenstein's sister this morning, the father's arms being around the child, who had passed away while asleep and without knowing that anything was the matter.

Flackenstein was thirty-four years old and lived in a flat on the second floor at No. 159 Stockholm street. He conducted a clothing store at No. 141 Stockholm street.

On June 15, three years ago, his wife died suddenly, exactly as she had dreamed she would die and at the very hour she declared she would pass away. Her body was buried in St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, L. I., and since then her husband had been a frequent visitor at the grave. Some time ago he said that he would die as his wife did on June 15.

### Did Not Want to Wait.

A few weeks ago he told his sister, Emma, who kept house for her father and brothers in an adjoining flat, that he did not want to wait until June 15 for death, and that he thought he would anticipate that date.

His sister, thinking to dissuade him, said: "That is all nonsense. You will live many years. And you don't want to leave your daughter Emma, do you?" "I will take Emma with me," said the bereaved man.

Last night Mrs. Flackenstein put her face to bed as usual, and about 9 o'clock the father went into his own room, saying that he wanted to write some letters and balance his books, which he had brought from his store. That was the last seen of him alive.

When he did not respond to knocks on the door this morning his sister climbed out on the fire escape which reached to the rear windows of both flats and broke open a window.

### Removed the Gas Fixture.

Gas poured out in such a volume that she could not enter for some time. When she was able to enter the rooms she found her brother and her niece lying in bed dead. The father was fully dressed except for his coat. The gas fixture had been removed from the wall and gas was pouring out in an immense volume.

## GIRL HUNCHBACK PRAYS AS SHE ENDS UNHAPPY LIFE.

**Kneels in Central Park and Commits Soul to God Before Taking Poison.**



UNKNOWN SUICIDE IN CENTRAL PARK.

There is a pathetic little corpse in the morgue today. It is dwarfed and misshapen and was the shell that held the soul of a girl who suffered. She was Jennie First, of No. 2 East One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and her history is written in the lines of her white, drawn face. She took carbolic acid last night in Central Park, and is entered in the house of the dead as the "Hunchback Suicide."

It is not hard to conclude what led the poor girl to kill herself. Her head shows that she was the possessor of imagination. Her hands show that she was compelled to tell. Her body shows that she was careful of herself. Her clothes show that she possessed refinement. Her twisted back and shoulders show the shadow that kept sunshine out of her life.

The thoughtless jibes and jeers that are hurled at cripples were barbs in the heart of this girl. She brooded over her misfortune in solitude. She suffered to the limit of her capacity for suffering, and then she concluded to end it all. She was seen walking in a secluded

## WHITE WINGS AFTER GIBSON'S SCALP.

**THEY TALK OF "SHAKE-DOWNS" TO MAYOR LOW.**

**Demand that Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner Be Removed.**

Indignant street cleaners entered the Mayor's office in a body at noon today to protest against the retention in office of Francis J. Gibson, Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

"The shake-down system still exists and will exist as long as that man is held in office," shouted P. J. Daly, who headed the street cleaners.

The men came in members of District No. 12 of L. with a huge percentage at the city's "White Wings" have joined.

"This man Gibson is the foe of organized labor," continued Daly. "Under him the men are subjected to all sorts of petty persecutions. We look to Your Honor to remove him, and we demand his removal."

"When Your Honor was named for Mayor we had the promise of R. Fulton Cutting and other Fusionists that if you were elected Gibson would be removed. Your Honor is now Mayor and Gibson is still in office abusing these men."

"Can you mention any specific act of injustice on the part of Mr. Gibson?" put a Mayor Low.

"Some of them," answered Daly. "We have a stack of affidavits a foot high. But it would be wrong to use them now and here before Your Honor. It would be unfair to the District Attorney, who is now investigating these affairs in the Street Cleaning Department."

"I should like to have you be specific," said the Mayor. "If I find that Captain Gibson has done wrong I shall act on the spot. I shall talk with Commissioner Woodbury about the matter."

Asked to explain the "shake-down" system, the men said they referred to the rules compelling them to buy a certain number of uniforms each year. They asserted there is a profit in these suits of clothes and that somebody profits from it. They said, too, to be freed when they don't use the uniforms.

At the Mayor's suggestion the men promised to submit the facts in writing, and to go before Commissioner Woodbury with their complaint.

**Strike or Get Out of Union.**

(Special to The Evening World.) WILKESBAIRE, April 17.—The United Mine Workers this morning notified the engineers and pump men at the Petebone, Woodward, and Avonvale collieries that unless they join the strikers within the next twenty-four hours their names will be taken from the rolls of the union.

## HOLLAND FEARS FOR LIFE OF LOVED YOUNG QUEEN.

**Wilhelmina's Condition Grave, Though the Official Bulletins Are Optimistic.**



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

AMSTERDAM, April 17.—An official bulletin published to-day says Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina passed a somewhat less tranquil night.

The fever, however, has not increased and her condition is comparatively satisfactory. A bulletin issued from Castle Lee at 2 P. M. to-day, says:

"Since morning there has been no change in Queen Wilhelmina's condition. The fever continues."

It was authoritatively declared this afternoon that the report that the Queen is suffering from peritonitis and nephritis is untrue. Prof. Koonstein, the pathologist of Leyden University, it is added, was called in for consultation because the attending physicians feared that pneumonia might set in. That danger is now regarded as passed.

Notwithstanding the optimism of the official bulletins, there is great anxiety over the Queen's condition. There is reason to believe it is much graver than the doctors are willing to admit.

As a result of Her Majesty's illness the hope of an early dynastic succession is again disappointed. Prof. Koonstein, the pathologist of Leyden University, who, with other specialists, was hastily summoned, was said to have diagnosed the complaint as peritonitis.

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## CLERK RONAN FOUND DROWNED.

**MYSTERY OF POSTAL MAN'S DISAPPEARANCE CLEARED.**

**Dropped Out of Sight Three Months Ago, and Body Found in East River To-Day.**



THOMAS F. RONAN.

The mystery surrounding the remarkable disappearance of Thomas F. Ronan, the postal clerk of Mount Vernon, of whom all trace was lost on Jan. 13 last, after he had left a Harlem Railroad train at One Hundred and Tenth street, was cleared up to-day by the finding of his body floating in the East River.

From the description of the clothing and papers found in the pockets, Mrs. Ronan was able to positively identify the body of her husband.

There is no suspicion that Ronan met with foul play, although numerous theories to account for his strange and sudden disappearance were indulged in by both police and relatives at the time. Many clues were followed but nothing was ever added to reveal the manner of the man's taking off.

With the finding of the body to-day Mrs. Ronan expressed the belief that her husband had suddenly gone insane and while in a distressed mental condition wandered to the river and either fell or jumped overboard.

To account for his irrational conduct it is explained that for months prior to his disappearance Mr. Ronan worked excessively in the Canal street branch Post-Office, where he was employed.

## WOMAN CALLED HIM SLAYER OF HER SON RESCUE FIREMEN VICTIMS OF SMOKE.

**MOTHER OF MAN WHO DIED AT DANCE STIRS COURT.**

**Old Mrs. Werner Makes Sensational Accusation and Falls in a Faint.**

As William Leonard, charged with the killing of Albert Werner, with a book of his fat, was being led from the Coroner's Court back to the Tombs after an adjournment of the inquest to-day a white-haired woman arose in her seat and pointed an accusing finger at the prisoner.

"There goes the murderer of my son," she screamed, and then she fell forward over the bench in front of her.

Coroner Jackson, who had been presiding at the inquest and who is a physician, ran to the woman and soon revived her. She was Mrs. Werner. She was sent to her home, No. 199 East One Hundred and Ninth street.

Leonard is a workman. He attended a ball at the Harlem Lyceum, One Hundred and Seventh street and Third avenue, Saturday night. Werner, who was a choir singer, was there. He is alleged to have asked Mrs. Leonard to dance without having first been introduced to her.

Leonard knocked him down. Werner died an hour later.

The only witness called at the inquest was Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, who swore that death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage. He said he could not tell whether the hemorrhage was caused by violence until after a microscopic examination, which is now being made.

Coroner Jackson adjourned the inquest to await the result of this examination, holding Leonard in \$3,000 bail.

## ADDS TO CENTRAL CAPITAL.

**Increase of \$25,000,000 Authorized by Railroad Commissioners.**  
ALBANY, April 17.—The State Board of Railroad Commissioners to-day approved the increase of capital stock of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and the Mohawk and Malone Railroad Company. The capital of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company is increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and the capital of the Mohawk and Malone Railroad Company from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

## BLUE POINT CLUB MEETS.

The Blue Point Club held its regular meeting at The Abbey, Brooklyn, after a theatre party at the Orpheum Theatre, last night.

The following officers were elected: President, Walter Williams, of Manhattan; President, Secretary-Treasurer, O. C. Cypriot, New York City; Board of Directors, C. Clifford Smith, Hudson, N. Y.; Henry L. Tompkins, Blue Point, L. I., and John Walter, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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